WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

A flat panel for a cathode ray tube comprising:

an outer surface having a flat configuration; and

an inner surface having a non-spherical, convexly curved configuration relative to the outer surface and satisfying formula 1,

 $Y_1 \leq Y_2 \dots (formula 1)$

wherein Y_1 represents a vertical distance between the outer surface and a refracted screen image on a central axis of the panel, and Y_2 represents a vertical distance between the outer surface and the refracted screen image in peripheral areas other than the central axis of the panel.

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- 2. A flat panel for a cathode ray tube as claimed in claim 1, wherein the panel has a high transmission ratio equal to or greater than about 60%.
- 3. In a cathode ray tube comprising a funnel having a neck part and an opening part, an electron gun provided at a front end portion of the neck part in the funnel for emitting electron beams, a deflection yoke for deflecting the electron beams emitted from the electron gun, a shadow mask for discriminating the electron beams deflected by the deflection yoke, and a panel coupled in the opening part of the funnel and provided with a phosphor surface inside for

- 7 realizing a screen image by the electron beams discriminated by the shadow
- 8 mask, the panel comprising:
- an outer surface having a flat configuration; and
- an inner surface having a non-spherical, convexly curved
- configuration relative to the outer surface and satisfying formula 1,
- 12 $Y_1 \le Y_2$(formula 1)
- wherein Y₁ represents a vertical distance between the outer surface and a refracted screen image on a central axis of the panel, and Y₂ represents a vertical distance between the outer surface and the refracted screen image in peripheral areas other than the central axis of the panel.
 - 4. A flat panel for a cathode ray tube as claimed in claim 3, wherein the panel has a high transmission ratio equal to or greater than about 60%.

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